

Matter of Carmine
Del. Supr., No. 342, 1986 (6/10/87)
Board Case No. 976

Disciplinary Rules: DR 6-101(A)(3)

Nature of Case:

Respondent lawyer represented a client in the Family Court in a civil support action. The matter was dismissed by that court for failure to prosecute, and Respondent's client requested that the decision be appealed to the Superior Court. The Respondent failed to file an opening brief in the Superior Court, even after delinquent notices were sent to him. The appeal was then dismissed for want of prosecution.

Action Taken by the Court:

The Board on Professional Responsibility found that the Respondent had neglected a legal matter entrusted to him and imposed the sanction of a public reprimand. Although the Respondent filed objections to the Board report with the Supreme Court, the objections were later withdrawn. The Court approved the Board's report, making the public reprimand final.